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GENERAL ORDER NUMBER 1

TITLE. Prohibited Activities for Personnel within the Authority of the Commander, United States Army Fires Center of Excellence and Fort Sill (FCoE)

PURPOSE. This General Order identifies conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline, health, and safety of all personnel within the FCoE area of responsibility.

AUTHORITY. 10 U.S.C. Chapter 47 (Uniform Code of Military Justice); AR 10-87, Army Commands, Army Service Component Commands, Direct Reporting Units, 11 December 2017; AR 27-10, Military Justice, 11 May 2016; AR 600-20, Army Command Policy, 6 November 2014; USAFCOEFS Regulation 10-5, Organizations and Functions, 25 July 19; Fort Sill Supplement 1 to AR 27-10, 31 May 19, Military Justice.

APPLICABILITY. This General Order applies to all individuals subject to military orders and individuals stationed, assigned, and/or attached to the FCoE area of responsibility.

1. STATEMENT OF MILITARY PURPOSE AND NECESSITY. Due to the spread of the COVID-19 disease, aggressive prevention and mitigation measures are necessary to reduce the transmission of the disease. Restrictions on certain activities are essential to preserving the health of Service Members, Civilians, and Family Members. In accordance with (IAW) U.S. Government and Department of Defense policy, it is prudent to restrict certain activities in order to maintain good order and discipline, health, safety, and to ensure optimum readiness of our force.

2. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES.

- a. Local Community Orders. Local authorities have issued orders to address the COVID-19 pandemic. These orders impose public health restrictions to protect against the spread of the virus throughout the local communities. Service Members will read and understand State and local community orders, and will abstain from any activity inconsistent with the spirit of these orders.
- (1) Although Service Members remain authorized to travel between their residence and the installation to perform duties as directed by the Chain of Command, they must adhere to all other provisions of the orders issued by State and local authorities.
- (2) Although not required by Oklahoma Executive Order 2020-7 (Fourth Amended), Service Members and DA Civilians continuing to perform work at a government controlled facility will show local law enforcement their Common Access Card and explain to local law enforcement the general nature of their work if stopped enroute to or from work.

b. Restrictions on Travel.

- (1) On-Post. Service Members residing on-post are encouraged to limit their travel outside the installation to necessity only. Necessity is limited to healthcare needs, grocery shopping, and essential postal, banking, laundry services, and gas stations. Outdoor physical activities such as running, hiking, biking, and walking are encouraged but limited to groups of six (6) or less. Unit or large group activities are prohibited. Adhere to the social distancing principles addressed below. All other travel is prohibited.
- (2) Off-Post. Service Members residing off-post may only travel between their place of residence and Fort Sill to perform their military or work duties, or out of necessity. Travel to off-post facilities is authorized only for necessity and is limited to the closest service to your place of residence. You are authorized to travel to the installation in order to use the Commissary, Post Exchange, and other essential services. Necessity is limited to healthcare needs, grocery shopping, and essential postal, banking, laundry services, and gas stations. Within the guidance of local off-post communities, outdoor activities such as running, hiking, biking, and walking are encouraged but limited to groups of six (6) or less. Unit or large group activities are prohibited. Adhere to the social distancing principles addressed below. All other travel is prohibited.
- (3) Travel of Service Members. For the purpose of leave, pass, and local travel, Service Members are restricted to within a 60 mile radius of Fort Sill. Family Members, civilian employees and contractors are encouraged to comply with this traveling radius. Exceptions to this provision require approval by the first O-6 in the Service Member's Chain of Command.
- (4) Curfew. All Service Members are ordered to be at and remain inside a place of residence between the hours of 2200 and 0500. This curfew applies to Service Members living on-post and off-post. Authorized exceptions to the curfew are travel related to mission essential functions, or to obtain emergency medical care for themselves or their Family Members. To assist in stopping the spread of COVID-19, DA Civilians and Family Members are encouraged to abide by this curfew.

c. Social Distancing.

- (1) All personnel will maintain a minimum separation of 6 feet distance from all other personnel at all times both indoors and outdoors. When in doubt, use a double arm interval to judge your distance from others.
- (2) On-post, Service Members are authorized to perform physical fitness in groups containing no more than six (6) individuals and will increase separation to 12 feet between individuals when running or conducting calisthenics. Personnel will wear gloves or immediately wash hands directly after touching common touch items (i.e. weights, pull-up bars, etc.), and will wipe common touch items down with appropriate disinfecting cleaner. Off-post individuals are required to adhere to state laws.

- (3) Individual barracks rooms are restricted to the assigned occupant(s). At no time will there be more than three (3) individuals in a barracks room assigned to a single (1) occupant at any given time.
- (4) Service Members are prohibited from engaging in "Barracks Parties" or outdoor "Block Parties." Gatherings will be limited to not more than 10 people. Social distancing and the rules of hygiene must be observed.

d. Hygiene.

- (1) All personnel will wash their hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds, or use an alcohol based hand sanitizing gel, when entering common on-post areas such as the Commissary, PX, Child Development Centers, Fitness Centers, Mail Room, Barracks, etc.
- (2) All personnel will disinfect high touch areas, such as desks, light switches and door handles, no less than twice daily.
- e. Hoarding/Resale. Service Members shall only purchase the amount of goods from the Commissary and AAFES as is required to meet the reasonable near term needs of the Service Member and his/her immediate Family Members. Service Members shall not purchase items to give or resell to individuals not authorized to purchase those items at the Commissary and AAFES. All personnel are expected to treat AAFES and DECA employees with dignity and respect.
- f. Restriction of Movement. Service Members are required to adhere to the directives of medical personnel and Commanders regarding an order into quarantine or isolation, including any directives concerning the virus monitoring process. Civilians and Family Members are highly encouraged to adhere to these directives.
- (1) Personnel and their close contacts, who are pending the results of medical testing, will be placed in quarantine under Restriction of Movement in designated on-post quarters/facilities or their off-post residence.
- (2) Quarantined personnel must immediately inform their Chain of Command and/or medical personnel if they exhibit any medical symptoms.
- (3) Personnel and their close contacts, who are confirmed positive, will be placed in isolation under Restriction of Movement in designated on-post quarters/facilities or their off-post residence for a period of no less than 14 days.
- (4) Personnel quarantined or isolated in on-post facilities will follow all directives concerning conduct within the facility, to include any limitations concerning contact with other quarantined or isolated personnel.

(5) All other personnel aside from those quarantined or isolated are prohibited from entering on-post quarantine or isolation facilities except for those personnel assigned support duties.

3. EXCEPTIONS.

- a. Exceptions to any of the provisions regarding social distancing, in paragraph 2.c., requires prior approval of the Service Member's Summary Court-Martial Convening Authority.
- b. Emergency situations involving possible loss of life, limb, or eyesight should be handled as such and do not require prior approval.
 - c. Official travel directed by the Chain of Command is not affected by this General Order.
- d. Service Members will comply with all DoD/HQDA restrictions on travel, whether personal or official. Unit commanders may set more restrictive boundaries; Service Members will comply with those in addition to the restrictions herein.
- **4. LEADER'S CHECKS.** Leaders are expected to conduct routine checks on the health, safety, and well-being of their subordinates, especially those in quarantine and isolation. Nothing in this General Order limits the ability of leaders to conduct these checks.
- **5. INDIVIDUAL DUTY.** Persons subject to this General Order have the individual duty to know and understand the prohibitions contained herein. Furthermore, they have a duty to become familiar with and respect State laws and regulations regarding COVID-19 prevention and restrictions implemented by local governments.

6. COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES.

- a. Commanders shall ensure their personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this General Order. Additionally, Commanders shall ensure Soldier and Family Readiness Group (SFRG) leaders and spouses of deployed personnel are briefed on the prohibitions and requirements of this General Order.
- b. Commanders, leaders, and military and DoD supervisors are expected to support their Service Members and DA Civilians ordered into quarantine or isolation. Support includes assisting the quarantined/isolated individual in obtaining necessary comfort, food, or essential services while the individual remains in quarantine or isolation.
- 7. WAIVERS AND AMENDMENTS. Requests for waivers of any provision, except those pertaining to social distancing as indicated in paragraph 3.a., of this General Order must be submitted by the endorsing commander, through the Chain of Command to me for decision. Subordinate commanders may impose additional restrictions consistent with this General Order if necessary for good order and discipline but do not have the authority to unilaterally grant exceptions or exemptions to its provisions without my authority. Any additional restrictions imposed by a Commander will be forwarded to the FCoE Chief of Staff.

- **8. ENFORCEMENT.** Through this General Order, all individuals subject to military orders and individuals stationed, assigned, and/or attached to the FCoE area of responsibility, may be subject to administrative or disciplinary action as available to enforce this order.
- **9. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This General Order is effective immediately. It will remain in effect until rescinded by me.

KENNETH L. KAMPER Major General, USA

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